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As the bells ring out the old year . . . and proclaim the new, please accept our sincere gratitude for the friendly associations we have enjoyed with all our customers and neighbors. May we wish you all a happy and rewarding New Year!

THE
Agawam Independent

**UNITED STATES
Army - Navy - Marine Corps - Coast Guard**

CROUGH MEMBER
FIRST MARINE DIV.
VIETNAM — Marine Private
First Class Mark F. Crough, son
of Mr. and Mrs. Neil F. Crough
of Silver St., Agawam, is cele-

brating Christmas in Vietnam
this year as a member of the
First Marine Division.
Since 1966, First Division Ma-
rines have been serving in Viet-
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P. O. Employees Say 'Thank You'

Postmaster Robert R. DeForge and the employees of the Agawam Post Office today expressed sincere appreciation to the citizens who helped assure on time delivery of holiday mail by co-operating with the post office.

Without the help of our customers, by mailing early, using ZIP Code, and banding the mail, we never could have done as good a job as we did, Postmaster DeForge said.

This year, a record breaking number of items were delivered locally.

The job was accomplished by the regular post office employees force.

Free Holiday Coffee On Mass. Turnpike

Free coffee will be available for all motorists on the Massachusetts Turnpike on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, Chairman John T. Driscoll announced today.

"This practice was initiated on New Year's Eve seven years ago as a safety measure," the chairman said, "and the results have proved most satisfactory. Five years ago the plan was expanded to include Christmas Eve as well as New Year's Eve and the Turnpike Authority is pleased to announce that coffee will be available on both dates again this year."

As motorists pick up their toll tickets upon entering the Massachusetts Turnpike, they will be given also the following invitation by Chairman Driscoll and Howard B. Johnson, President of the Howard D. Johnson Company that operates the eight restau-
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Advertising and News Deadline

Advertisements and news copy for all December issues must be received on or before the previous Monday.

Plans February Wedding



MISS SUSAN J. BATES

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie V. Bates of 986 North West St., Feeding Hills, Mass., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Susan J. to Eugene C. Golba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Golba of 26 Fanjoy Dr., Chicopee, Mass.

Western Bank Announces Dividend

The board of directors of the Western Bank and Trust Company voted at its December meeting to declare a cash dividend of \$.20 a share to stockholders of record Dec. 31, 1968, payable Jan. 15, 1969. This brings the total 1968 dividends to \$.30, compared to \$.25 a share during 1967.

William Franks, Western Bank president, said that the bank's total assets are now approaching \$10 million, an increase of approximately \$3 million during the past 12 months.

Santa Visits 'Y' Families



Friday, Dec. 13th, was the Agawam YMCA Family night program for the month. In addition to swimming the families had Christmas carols, presents, lighting of the fire place, refreshments and of course Santa Clause (John Cassidy) was there. Above Barry Binnenkade of 25 Squire Lane was happy until he saw Santa up close. His older brother, Bruce, helps Barry while other boys and girls wait their turn. Over 60 people attended this YMCA special program.

'Y' Christmas Vacation Program

Mario Sakellis, executive director of the Agawam YMCA announced today that on Friday, Dec. 27th there will be special program for boys and girls grades 3-6. The program will take place at the new central YMCA on Chestnut St.

Parents are asked to register the youngsters at the Agawam YMCA office by Dec. 26th.

The program starts at 10 until 3:30 in the afternoon. The boys and girls will bring their own box lunch and the "Y" will provide the milk. The program will include games in the gym, a full length color movie, 'Indian Paint,' a magician, singing and swimming in the new pool. Boys and girls should bring sneakers, bathing suits, towel and bathing caps for the girls. Cost for this program is 75c for Y members and \$1.00 for non-Y members.

For further information on how to register call the Agawam YMCA and ask for Mario Sakellis, director.

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sanctuary Choir Director
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,
Junior/Youth Choir Director
Friday—11 a.m.—Service of
Worship at East Longmeadow
Nursing Home; 6:15 p.m.—Bowling
Teams at Westside.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Nancy Lund,
Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Choir re-
hearse at church.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Morning
Worship — Rev. Lockhart will
preach and choir will sing;
6 p.m. Senior and Junior High
BYF's meet at church.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
Thursday—6:30 Cherub choir
rehearsal; 7 p.m. senior choir re-
hearsal.
Sunday—10 a.m. Worship Ser-
vice; Fifth Sunday in Advent.
There is church school this day,
but parents and children will
worship together the first half
of the service except for kinder-
garten and nursery which remain
in class.
Monday — 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Church School for grades 7, 8
and 9.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music
Friday: 7 p.m. Boy Scout
meeting; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Choir rehearsal.
Saturday—8:45 a.m. Interme-
diate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 Jun-
ior Choir rehearsal.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tuler, Vicar
Thursday—7 p.m. Boy Scout
Troop #79 meets in parish hall.
The annual Children's Christ-
mas party, 3 p.m., Saturday,
Dec. 28th.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard
Saturday — Confessions 4 to
5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.
MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30,
11:45 a.m.
Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass fol-
lowed by Miraculous Medal No-
vena.

Wife to husband on Christ-
mas morning: "You angel! Just
what I need to exchange for just
what I wanted!"

A political war is one in which
everyone starts shooting from the
lip.



New Year's Pizzas

by Betty Crocker

How about something really different for New Year's Eve
appetites? Like baby-size pizzas, in honor of the Baby New Year.
Lots of them, too, in a variety of toppings and passed on a
tray that's garnished with crisp relishes and olives. You can
make the miniature pizzas ahead, freeze them and then pop
in the oven just 15 minutes before the old year ends. While the
pizzas bake, you brew up a bowl of sparkling punch for the
New Year toasts. And don't forget to set out a pretty plate of
holiday fruitcake and your own Christmas cookies. Now, every-
thing's ready in time for a resounding chorus of "Auld Lang
Syne." H-a-a-p-p-y New Year!

MINI PIZZAS

2 cups Bisquick
½ cup water
¾ cup chili sauce
Toppings (below)
¾ cup shredded cheese
Heat oven to 425°. Mix
Bisquick and water. Knead
about 1 minute on lightly
floured surface. Roll dough
¼ inch thick into rectangle,
12x9 inches. Cut into 3-inch
squares; pinch edges to form
rims. Spread each square with
1 tablespoon sauce; sprinkle
each with choice of Toppings
and 1 tablespoon cheese. Bake
on ungreased baking sheet
10 to 12 minutes. Makes 1
dozen.
Toppings: Sliced ripe, green
or stuffed olives, onion, mush-
rooms, pepperoni, salami,
frankfurters, bacon. Diced
ham. Or cleaned cooked med-
ium shrimp.

To freeze pizzas: Place unbak-
ed pizzas on ungreased baking
sheet in freezer about 30 min-
utes. Remove; wrap pizzas
securely in plastic bag. Store
in freezer until party time.
Remove from bag and bake at
425° 15 minutes.

3 AND 1 SPARKLING PUNCH

1 can (6 ounces) frozen grape
juice concentrate
1 can (6 ounces) frozen orange
juice concentrate
1 can (6 ounces) frozen
lemonade concentrate
4 cups water
1 quart ginger ale, chilled
Combine all ingredients ex-
cept ginger ale; chill several
hours. At serving time, slowly
pour in ginger ale. Serve over
cracked ice. If desired, garn-
ish with floating slice of or-
ange with sprig of holly on
top. 10 to 12 servings.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
MASS SCHEDULE
Daily Mass—7 a.m.
Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30
and 7:30 Confessions.
Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m.
Mass.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.
Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30
to 8:30 p.m. confessions.
MASS SCHEDULE
Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
and 5:30 p.m.
Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30
p.m.
Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30
and 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. An-
thony Devotions.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS
Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.
Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Confessions
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30

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a. m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous
Medal Novena Devotions.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"
Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary
Sunday: 10 a.m. Morning
Worship with sermon and Sunday
School classes in Dunn Commu-
nity Hall; 6 p.m. Youth Group.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
West Springfield, Mass.
Larry Thornton, Pastor
Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School
for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning
worship service. Supervised nur-
sery service available upstairs
in the church during both Bible
School and morning service; 7
p.m. Evening Service.
Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Mid-
week prayer meeting and Bible
study.
(Bible Baptist Church is in
fellowship with the General Assn.
of Regular Baptist Churches and
the American and International
Councils of Christian Churches.)

December 24, 1920—Enrico
Caruso made his final perfor-
mance at the Metropolitan Opera
House.

He who gives only when he is
asked has waited too long.

Where To Look For "Situations"

By ROBERT ALLEN

"There is no certain way to
make money in the stock mar-
ket, but the most probable way
is to invest in
special situa-
tions."



That is the
view of Hans
G. Jepson, vice
president and
research direc-
tor of Domi-
nick & Dominick, Incorporated,
a 98-year-old nationwide invest-
ment banking and brokerage
firm.

A special situation, according
to Mr. Jepson, is when the se-
curity of a corporation is ex-
pected to advance significantly
in price, possibly unaffected by
other movement of the general
market. Characteristically, a
special situation may arise from
an unusual, often unique, devel-
opment in a company's existence
that is likely to result in mark-
edly improved earnings unre-
lated to the immediate condition
of the nation's economy.

"There are many types and
examples of such special situa-
tions," says Mr. Jepson. "They
arise from management changes,
new product developments, tech-
nological breakthroughs, reor-
ganizations, liquidations, merg-
ers, litigation awards, favorable
governmental rulings, natural
resource discoveries, recapitali-
zations and other purposeful or
chance happenings."

A special situation can occur
in an old-line, blue-chip com-
pany as readily as in one of the
new, high-technology firms, the
research expert explained. And
it may be found when progress
in a given corporation is quite
orderly but for some reason the
price of the company's stock or
bonds is far too low. Frequently,
special situations of this type
are "asset plays"; that is, the
net per-share value of the com-
pany's assets is well above the
stock's per-share market price.
This circumstance has added
meaning if the assets are mostly
cash or marketable securities
and/or when liquidation or
merger of the corporation is
imminent. In such cases, in-
vestors can reap rich rewards.
The problem, of course, is
finding special situations soon
enough to profit from them. It
takes hard work, patience, and
skilled research. As Mr. Jepson
pointedly notes, "You certainly
can't find special situations if
you don't look for them."

The Old Timer



"The most comforting
thing about the ten top hits,
is that next week they won't
be."

HOLIDAY CORSAGES



— Place Your Telegraph Orders Early —

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GREETINGS

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and patrons...
may your New Year
be swinging!

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Agawam

Deceptive Advertising

From Attorney General
ELLIOT RICHARDSON

Do you want to get in the swim? If so, beware of the pool sharks — salesmen who rely on deception and fraud to trap the unwary. What is deceptive advertising? Deceptive advertising is:

- ads which show beautiful layouts of swimming pools and which intentionally lead you to believe that everything pictured is included in the purchase price, like the deck around an in-ground pool, for example;

- ads which misrepresent the size of the pool or the equipment accompanying the pool;

- ads claiming redwood construction when in fact a much cheaper wood stained to look like redwood is used.

What other claims are deceptive? The enigmatic "Inst. Opt." means you can put the pool in yourself or pay them—extra, that is — to do it. The "3-day" installation may take three months. "Manufacturers" are usually only distributors.

One common trick is to advertise pools at ridiculously low prices. The ad is usually a come-on, and often the company won't even have the pool in stock. When the salesman shows up at the home, he shows the customers a model of the advertised pool. This model looks like something the kids might have made. It is roughly finished, unpainted, and generally has one or two broken parts. The idea is to discourage the customer from buying this model and then to try to sell him another and more expensive model.

If the customer insists that this is the only pool he can afford, he'll be signed up. But, then the salesman may do one of the following things: He may handwrite on the printed Retail Installment Sales Agreement something like, "If this pool is not available by Sept. 30, this contract is cancelled." You see, he doesn't have the pool to sell. He may even fail to give you a copy of the RISA and tear up his copy after he leaves, in which case, you'll never see him again. He may call back claiming loss of the contract, hoping to come back and have another crack at selling you a more expensive pool.

Or, most serious of all, he may be involved in the "bait and switch" game, which works like this. After the contract is signed, the salesman casually produces a beautiful model of the company's newest pool. It is surrounded by trees and shrubs and shows people playing in the pool—all very enticing.

If he has not already done so, the salesman will disparage the

pool just purchased, claiming high upkeep and maintenance costs.

In attempting to switch his customer to a different pool, salesmen often rely upon the false claim that the contract is non-cancellable so the customer must take either the inferior pool or pay three or four times more for the quality pool, and the false promise of commissions for using the pool as a model.

Many people fall for this transparent scheme.

Other problems people have faced in buying a swimming pool include difficulties in getting repairs and minor adjustments made once the pool has been installed, and failure to receive the guarantee at the time of purchase—or ever.

Responsible members of the swimming pool industry have worked in cooperation with my office to assure compliance with the law. However, despite these efforts, there are still those who give the entire industry a bad name by their unethical tactics. Knowing who you are dealing with is still the best protection when buying a swimming pool or any other major item.

Later, this column will discuss what to do if you have become the victim of consumer fraud. One thing to do is contact: Attorney General Elliot Richardson, Consumer Protection Division, State House, Boston.



COLLEGE NEWS

Miss Karen Lonerini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lonerini of 128 Cooley St., and Miss Deena Piccin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Celeste Piccin of 18 Mulberry St., both of Agawam, have returned home from Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn., to spend the Christmas vacation with their parents.

Miss Lonerini and Miss Piccin are freshmen at AM College.

At the height of the Christmas rush, a girl, shopping for a gift for her brother, noticed an attractive pair of men's pajamas and asked to price. "They're \$37.50," answered the clerk.

"For \$37.50," declared the girl as she headed for the necktie department, "they should have a man in them!"

More diets begin in dress shops than in doctor's offices.

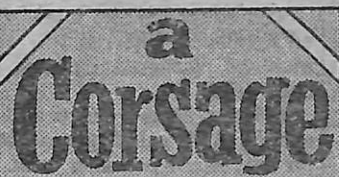
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• Oscar Mayer Specials •

BACON lb. 79¢

COCKTAIL FRANKS 12 oz. pkg. 45¢

SMOKEY LINKS 12 oz. pkg. 69¢

BIG BUY OF THE WEEK

SWEET LIFE

CRANBERRY SAUCE

3 cans 69¢

• AS ADVERTISED ON TV •

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SWEET LIFE—CREAMED—MEDIUM SIZE
SHRIMP

5 oz. can 79¢

SWEET LIFE—PITTED
RIPE OLIVES

7 oz. can 39¢

FROZEN FOODS

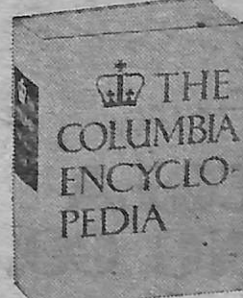
CARNATION P D
SHRIMP

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ANDREWS
COCKTAIL SAUCE

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January 2
through
January 3

SENIOR HIGH

Thursday: Orange juice, hamburger on buttered roll w/ mustard, relish, catsup, sliced onions, potato chips, buttered carrots/peas, cheese wedge, chocolate cake w/ butter icing, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, toasted cheese sandwich, raw vegetable tray, peanut butter sandwich, peach shortcake w/topping, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Thursday: Juice, hamburger and cheese on buttered bun, buttered hot vegetable, pineapple chunks, cookie, milk.

Friday: Juice, grinders (sliced meat, cheese, tomato and lettuce), pickles, potato chips, peanut butter cookies, tangerine, milk.

DANAHI

Thursday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, relish, mustard, buttered carrots, orange blossom cake, milk.

Friday: Juice, macaroni with tomato-cheese sauce, cabbage/carrot salad, bread/butter, fruit cup, cookie, milk.

GRANGER

Thursday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered bun, relish, mustard, potato chips, 7 minute cabbage, apple crisp, milk.

Friday: Juice, tomato soup, 1/2 hard boiled egg, peanut butter/marshmallow sandwich, fresh fruit, brownies, milk.

PEIRCE

Thursday: Orange juice, frankfurt on hot buttered roll, Harvard beets, peanut butter sandwich, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Friday: Baked macaroni with cheese and tomatoes, buttered peas/carrots, cheese or peanut butter sandwich, orange fruited jello w/topping, milk.

PHELPS

Thursday: Juice, grilled frankfurt on buttered roll, relish, mustard, buttered carrots, apple crisp w/cheese wedge, milk.

Friday: Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, celery/carrot sticks, peanut butter cookie, orange wedges, milk.

ROBINSON

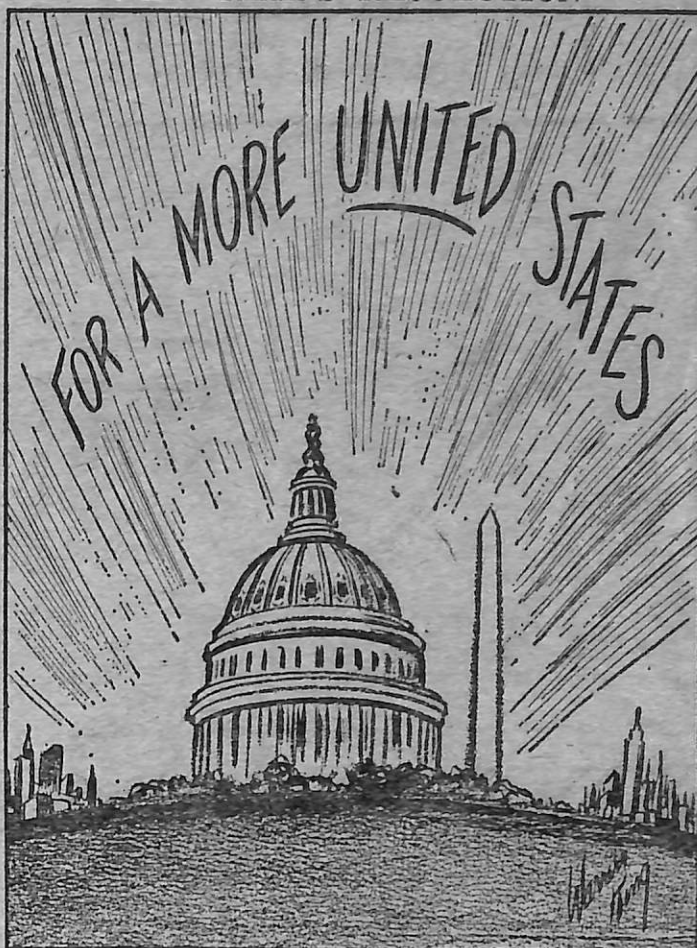
Thursday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, mustard, relish, buttered corn, cheese sticks, chocolate cake w/butter frosting, milk.

Friday: Citrus juice, grilled cheese sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, potato chips, tossed salad w/spinach greens, fruit.

Listings Wanted

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Homes - Ranches - Business
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27 Stewart Lane - Agawam
Tel. 734-5719
Have Interested Buyers Now!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION



A New Year's Message

President-elect Richard M. Nixon has pledged that "the great objective" of his administration will be "to bring the American people together."

He explained that he will have an open Administration, "open to new ideas, open to men and women of both parties, open to critics as well as those who support us."

We have the opportunity to assist the Administration in achieving this worthwhile objective during the year 1969. Petty political maneuvering must give way to sound, positive action at the executive, legislative, administrative and public levels.

Each of us should lend positive public support to sound constructive objectives, which not only will achieve the goal of togetherness, but will accelerate our economy into a better America for all.

milk.

SOUTH

Thursday: Orange juice, steamed franks on buttered roll, relish, mustard, buttered carrots, fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Baked macaroni with cheese, ABC salad, peanut butter on rye, sliced peaches, milk.

FUNERAL NOTICES

CLAYTON L. FULLER

The funeral of Clayton L. Fuller of 16 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, husband of Mrs. Helen (Ripley) Fuller, was held Monday, December 23, from the Curran-Jones Funeral Home. The Rev. Kenneth Thornton officiated. Bearers were Hugh Kerr, Lyman Hastings, Frank Karakla, Carl Roberts, Alvin Kellogg and Bradford Fuller. Burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills with Mr. Thornton conducting the service of committal.

My finances are getting in such a mess, you would think I was getting advice from the government. — Dale Holdridge, The Langford (S. Dak.) Bugle.

November 15, 1900—Carnegie Institute of Technology was founded by Andrew Carnegie.



To those we have
served in the
past . . . a most
beautiful New Year

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Agawam, Mass.

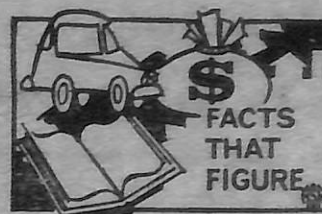


May the doves of
peace abide with
you and your family
this coming year!

AGAWAM
PET SUPPLY

STOP IN AND
BROWSE AROUND!

381 Walnut Street
Agawam



The Drunk Driver Can Hurt You

As the holiday spirit flows, so do alcoholic spirits — and also blood on our nation's highways.

Even during non-holiday periods, alcohol plays a major part in the nation's tragic traffic safety record, points out Don Costa, safety director at the Allstate Insurance Company.

Nearly 50% of all auto accidents involve drinking drivers. Almost half of the 52,000 deaths and about half of the 4,000,000 auto injuries are caused by drunk drivers.

Of the nearly 100 million drivers in the nation, an estimated 93 million drink. Luckily, only 2% — one of every 50 drivers — are drunk drivers. Every drinking driver is not a drunk driver because only the drunk driver is a mentally sick driver.

Only a "sick" driver would drive his car when:

- he is 25 times more likely to have an accident
- his behavior is erratic and unpredictable
- his field of vision is lowered by 80%
- his reactions have been reduced by 15%
- he may fail to see dark objects at night
- and all this is topped with a false sense of bolstered confidence.

As a consequence, says Costa, the statistics tell that some 26,000 dead and 2,000,000 injured motorists and pedestrians owe their pain and suffering to the drunk driver . . . the "sick" driver . . . the killer driver.

Free Holiday . . .

(Continued From Page 1)

ants along the Turnpike:
"You are cordially invited to stop and enjoy free coffee at the Howard Johnson restaurants on the Massachusetts Turnpike from 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1968, at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1969. Please drive carefully on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and throughout 1969."

Get the Independent by Mail
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Oklahomans Nominate 'Favorite Son' As National March of Dimes Child

Tracy Greenwood, March of Dimes Poster Child for 1969, sounds much like any other 5-year-old boy. He puts on a cowboy hat when he climbs up on his father's tractor at their home in Oklahoma. He wrestles with his older brother, Jamie, and takes care of his menagerie of pets.

None of this is easy for Tracy. Born with an open spine and hydrocephalus (water on the brain), the handsome, impish youngster is encumbered by full leg braces and wooden crutches. Yet, as any visitor to the Greenwood's neat home in Velma can see, Tracy has conquered the heavy equipment with humor, determination and the constant encouragement of his family.

Doctors were pessimistic about his chances for survival when Tracy was born. They feared permanent brain damage if he lived and doubted whether he would walk at all. At 3 months, he was taken to Children's Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City where the March of Dimes supports a Birth Defects Center, and has undergone major surgery five times.

For Tracy, the March of Dimes program of comprehensive care consists of regular checkups by an orthopedist, neurologist, urologist and physical therapist. His mother helps him with daily exercises at home.

Today, he is a symbol of the quarter of a million babies born every year in the United States with birth defects. As National Poster Child, he will represent them in cities and towns across the country during January for the annual fund-raising appeal by the March of Dimes.

The voluntary health agency is now in its second decade of leading the fight to prevent birth defects. In this period, it has established a nationwide network of 103 birth defects centers where outstanding teams of medical professionals search for the causes of these tragedies and provide the most modern treatment and rehabilitation.

Tracy Greenwood is an example of the progress they are making. His pretty young mother, Betty, says, "We



GETTING IN SHAPE for his January travels as 1969 March of Dimes Poster Child, Tracy Greenwood, 5, of Velma, Okla., exercises legs crippled by a birth defect. Supervising is physical therapist Don Schneider, March of Dimes Birth Defects Center, Children's Memorial Hospital, Oklahoma City.

wouldn't have Tracy today if it weren't for March of Dimes research. They came up with the answers needed for our son and children like him."

Although he has been singled out for national attention, he is still called "Hound Dog" at home. Bright, happy and well-adjusted, his full day begins at 7 a.m. He spends as much time as possible playing outdoors with his brother, Jamie, who is 7 and in normal health.

Tracy is developing extra strength in his upper body as a result of his exercises. He puts this advantage to work during wrestling matches with Jamie and proudly announces the news when he "gets" his brother.

Tracy is an avid television fan whose tastes run to cartoons. His favorite books are

animal stories and he lavishes attention on his rabbits, Hoppy and Freckles, his cat, Prissy, a Welsh Terrier named Susie, and Puff, a German Shepherd.

The Greenwoods drew the notice of fellow "Sooners" after local news stories appeared about the tragedies they had faced and overcome. Mr. Greenwood suffered near-fatal injuries three years ago when the gasoline truck he was driving exploded. Betty Greenwood carried on courageously and has been rewarded by the excellent progress that both her husband and son are making.

As a result, the March of Dimes was bombarded with petitions on Tracy's behalf from thousands of Oklahomans, including U. S. Congressman Carl Albert (D. Okla.), House Majority Leader.

ebbing year, more than 25,000 men of the First Marine Division will be standing guard, conducting patrols and engaging the enemy, bringing the people of South Vietnam one step closer to realizing the true meaning of Christ's birth: "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

BOVAT, JR. ASSIGNED TO 1st INFANTRY LAI KHE, VIETNAM — Army Private First Class Frank M. Bovat, Jr., whose parents live at 44 River St., Agawam, was assigned to the 1st Infantry Di-

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Baby Girl or Baby Boy?

About 100,000 babies are born every year in Massachusetts.

After Dec. 31, no mother can complain if the name of her baby does not appear correctly on public records, Secretary of State John F. X. Davoren said today.

A new law will require mothers to personally sign a form verifying the name of the baby BEFORE she leaves the hospital, he pointed out. The system now in use has been found wanting, officials concerned with vital records point out.

"As it is now, the attending physician sends the report of the birth to the city or town clerk and a verification card is then sent to the mother for her signature. Corrections are then made if the two forms do not agree and this makes for confusion, delay and faulty recording of public records," Secretary Davoren said.

Under the new system, parents will be asked to furnish the name of the baby before the mother leaves the hospital. Hospital administration, not the doctor, will bear the responsibility for seeing to it that the form is made out properly, shown to the mother and signed by her.

"Few people realize how im-

portant birth records are and how essential it is in later years to have an accurate record. Many people throughout the cities and towns of Massachusetts have been disrespected to find out that records of their offspring are sometimes listed on official records simply as 'baby girl' or 'baby boy.' The new law should eliminate this problem from now on," the state secretary said. His office maintains several million records on births, deaths and marriages. Information on race will be eliminated from the public record.

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nam during the Christmas holidays. Their mission then was the same as it is now: train the South Vietnamese armed forces, conduct operations against the communist guerilla infrastructure and help the people of South Vietnam build a strong, democratic nation.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

The latest tally from Vermont on the total bucks taken during the past season has crept up to 12,905. The bow and arrow kill is in addition to this and remains at 1432.

The new Vermont bear study project, initiated immediately prior to the Sept. opening of the bear season, experienced excellent cooperation in spite of the low kill figure this year. Teamwork really paid off as hunters, wardens, research and management personnel worked together to provide needed data. As a result nearly one-third of all bears taken gave accurate aging information when successful hunters gave canine teeth or whole skulls to the dept. as requested.

Top honors for 1968 go to C. W. Sparks from Park Ridge, Ill. for his 391 pound male bruin shot in Kirby, Vt. The smallest, which the Dept. wishes had not been shot, was a 13½ pound male, shot in Guildhall by a local 13-year-old boy. Although the number of cubs killed this year was less than in previous years, 15 of them were still taken. Had these cubs been passed up, in two or three years they could have provided trophies any sportsman would be proud to take and repro-

ductive potentials could have increased as well. Bears only produce their young every other year. Cubs orphaned the first year in the fall can adequately take care of themselves if given a chance to winter and grow to maturity.

Hunting and fishing licenses are available from the town clerks in Vermont at present. The 1969 license will cost considerable more. The non-resident combination Hunting and Fishing is \$32.50. Hunting alone is \$30.50. Small Game (all species except deer and bear) \$10.50. The bow and arrow for the special season is now \$5 and must be purchased in addition to the regular hunting license.

INDOOR TOURNEY

The Mass. Bare Bow Archery Association will operate an indoor archery tournament this year in conjunction with the Sportsmen and Boat Show at Exposition Park Jan. 9 through 12. Archers that are interested in participating should contact Fran Lamagdalien, 216 Walnut St., Agawam, immediately. If the archers have received applications through the mail, please mail them in so that shooting schedules can be created.

Enjoy a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



By Jean Kingsley, Women's Consultant, The Travelers Insurance Companies

Retirement Planning

At one time, the average man's life expectancy was 47; today, any American-born can expect to live past 70. Now, with more than 18-million people past the age of 65 in America, the ranks of our retirement age citizens are growing—and by the year 2000 there will be over 28 million older persons.

Although retirement is basically a period of relaxation and enjoyment, like any new situation it presents its own problems. Chief among these is balancing the budget. According to a survey taken by the U.S. Department of Labor, older people spend proportionally more than younger people on housing and household operations, health care and food purchased for home preparation.

Another problem may be what to do once you've retired. There are organizations of retired people around the country who offer special courses and leisurely sight-seeing trips. You could develop an interesting hobby—one you never had time for previously—or start a small business of your own.

Before starting any business venture, however, check with your lawyer. If you must sign a contract or rent expensive equipment, consult him, for there may be hidden expenditures of which you may not be aware. At this time, it's also a good idea to update your will.

Because retirement means planning for the future as well as the present, women in the know understand the necessity of checking now with their Traveler's man to make sure their families have proper life insurance coverage. Remember, a happy and carefree retirement is up to you.

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PREVENT THOSE WINTER DRIVING WOES

The Safe Winter Driving League presents this tip for safer winter driving from the National Safety Council: "Tests show that reinforced tire chains provide four to seven times as much pulling ability on snow and ice as regular tires without chains." Always carry chains in the trunk of your car to assure your ability to get through regardless of the weather.

At Your Service

EUGENE H. LUND
Director of Veterans Services



If you're a good listener, the Veterans Administration Hospitals need you.

If you can just sit quietly and listen to the other fellow talk, you can qualify as a VA volunteer, and there's a place waiting for you at the VA Hospital nearest you.

The VA said there is a great need for volunteers to fill needs in the nursing service, escort service and the letter-writing service for disabled veterans.

"These are very valuable services for our patients," the VA said, "but it's an amazing thing, we also need people who can come in and spend a few hours each week just talking to the patients or, often, just listening."

"Many of our patients are lonely. We need people who can engage in a little friendly conversation. This type of volunteer work does an immense amount of good for many of our patients," VA said.

The purpose of the volunteer program is to "convey to the patient the interest of the community in his progress and welfare, and keep alive his hope and desire to return to his home and community as quickly as possible."

In this way, VA said, the volunteer does a great deal toward helping the hospital medical team in promoting the recovery and rehabilitation of the patient.

The VA Hospitals could use quite a few more listeners right now, including housewives who can devote as little as three hours a day once a week.

Retired or senior citizens are particularly welcome, but the patients like young people too.

"The patients really enjoy having someone from the community come in to talk to them once in a while," VA said.

Interested persons were urged to call and ask for the Director of Voluntary Service at any VA Hospital.

Veterans separated from service after Jan. 31, 1955, were reminded today by the Veterans Administration that they are now entitled to one and one-half months of educational assistance—up to a maximum of 36 months—for each month of military service.

A law which has just become effective liberalizes the previous Post-Korean G.I. Bill limit of one month of educational assistance for each month of service for veterans with at least 181 days of service, including some after Jan. 31, 1955.

Another provision of the law which went into effect December 1 grants veterans with at least 18 months of continuous service after Jan. 31, 1955, who have satisfied their military obligation, the maximum of 36 months of educational assistance entitlement.

Thus, for example, a veteran who may have entered service before the official end of the Korean Conflict (Jan. 31, 1955), but had only 18 months of Post-Korean service, will still be able to get four academic years of VA educational assistance.

Unchanged by this new law is the amount of educational assistance allowance which a veteran may receive. Currently, a single veteran taking full-time institutional training is paid \$130 a month by the VA. The amount of additional allowance he may receive depends on the number of his dependents.

Post-Korean veterans have eight years from the date of their separation from service to complete training under the third generation G.I. Bill.

Some Post-Korean veterans have earned entitlement to educational assistance under more than one VA program—the Korean Conflict G.I. Bill as well as the current measure, for example. Previously they were limited to aggregate benefits of 36 months. Now, however, under the new law which went into effect on Dec. 1 they will be entitled to aggregate benefits of not more than 48 months.

The VA especially urged Post-Korean veterans who did not return to school because they could complete only a couple of years of college under the old formula

—one month entitlement for each one month service—to contact their nearest VA office.



LUNKER HUNTING

Some guys catch lunkers as if fish didn't come in any other size, while most of us work hard to catch the ones that are dwarfs by comparison, and then feel pretty lucky.

To a successful "lunker hunter" luck plays a minor role, say the fishing authorities at Mercury outboards. Seeking out the big fish is a deliberate undertaking, requiring both a knowledge of fish and an unswerving devotion to the proposition that one trophy of bragging size is worth a hundred of his lesser brethren.

While lunker-catching proficiency doesn't come overnight, there is one basic rule the aspiring might keep in mind: "locate the lairs."

Lunkers, like gold, are where you find them. This can be in the most unpredictable quarters, usually offshore where no visible signs give a clue to a hotspot beneath the surface.

To find such locations, they are usually quite small, calls for extensive prospecting through a great deal of barren water. Slow trolling on the bottom or drift casting is the best bet.

When a fish strikes, mark the exact spot immediately for future reference. This means taking cross sightings on land objects so that you can find it again. A single hole may yield more lunkers on the next few casts, next day, or a year hence.

The main thing is to know exactly where the location is, for if conditions are favorable for one lunker, invariably others move in.

Another aspect of lunker hunting commonly neglected is the tendency of large fish to bump a bait halfheartedly without getting hooked. If a few casts prove futile, advise the Mercury lads, mark the location and leave with a minimum of disturbance. Return later for another try.

Big fish don't come easy. With patience and an enthusiasm that overlooks long fruitless hours and sometimes the ridicule of shoreline casters, the prospecting pays off. That first lunker, and knowing where it came from, will be ample reward.

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By Professor A. H. Easton
Director, Motor Vehicle Research Laboratory
University of Wisconsin

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2. Increase your following distance. It takes three to nine times as far to stop on snow and ice as on dry pavement.

3. "Pump" your brakes to slow or stop—don't jam them on. An intermittent pumping action three to five times per second keeps the wheels rolling and helps maintain steering control.

4. Have good tires with good treads. Better yet, use snow tires which provide half again as much pulling power in snow as regular tires. Studded snow tires offer still more help on icy surfaces.

5. Always carry reinforced tire chains in the trunk of your car for use during severe snow and ice conditions. They provide four to seven times as much traction on snow or ice as regular tires.

6. Keep your windshield and windows clear at all times. Replace streaking wiper blades gone dead from exposure to sun, wind and oily road film. Be sure that your windshield washer solution contains adequate anti-freeze.

this replaced?

A. You may call or write the Springfield social security office and they will be glad to see that you receive a replacement.

Q. I was in the hospital recently and my doctor had to visit me every day. He charged me \$6 per visit. May I include these charges in a claim I am putting in for bills I have paid for office visits?

A. Physician's services are covered by your medical insurance no matter where you receive them—in the doctor's office, in the hospital, your home or elsewhere in the United States.

Q. My daughter is a registered nurse and attended me during a recent hospital stay, as a private duty nurse. Can I put in a claim in order to pay her for her services?

A. Private duty nursing care is not covered under the medicare program. However, even if the service were covered by the program, medicare could not pay for services performed by certain close relatives or members of the patient's immediate household.

Don't feel sorry for yourself—feel sorry for the folks who have to live with you.

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A. You should mail your claim to the insurance company or other private organization in the State where you received the medical services. In Massachusetts the organization is the Massachusetts Medical Service and it is located at P. O. Box 2194, Boston, Mass. 02110.

Q. When I filed for my medicare insurance, I signed up in the social security office. Now I am wondering whom to see if I need further information regarding medicare.

A. The social security office will handle any medicare problems that you have. The medicare program is administered by the Social Security Administration.

Q. My husband and I go to the same doctor and our doctor has

always sent our bill to my husband but with charges for both of us. Will this type bill be all right for me to use when filing a claim?

A. If the doctor has itemized each treatment or visit and clearly shows which refers to you and which refers to your husband, this bill would be all right. However, bear in mind that any claim your husband would file must be handled as a separate claim. He must meet the \$50 deductible and you must meet the \$50 deductible. For this reason, your claim could probably be handled more quickly and efficiently if your doctor would send you separate bills.

Q. I dropped my false teeth while playing with my grandson. They broke into three pieces. Will my medical insurance pay to get these replaced?

A. Dentures or false teeth are not covered by medicare.

Q. I lost my hospital insurance card. How do I go about getting



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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

AND THEY MADE MERRY

Although the crowd wasn't as large as expected, everyone who attended the Adult Christmas Party at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home had a marvelous, fantastic time and was sorry when it was time to leave the scene. Chairman Betty Curran cut-did herself in the food and entertainment department with the help of Santa Claus and the women. We had a varied menu. The women practiced their culinary art to include roast beef au jus, meatballs and macaroni, hamburger a la Italiano, Polish kielbasa, scallopini a la francaise, cheese au naturel, various salads, cookies, cake, coffee, pickled snacks, crackers, brownies and a fruit bowl. The bread eater had Jewish, Polish rye and Swedish rolls.

Jolly old Santa (in the shape of Don Curran) arrived about 10:30 p. m. to distribute the exchange gifts. One had to be there to appreciate the kind of gift that can be bought for one dollar. Pretty things, useful things, toys and funny things and good use was made of them all as everyone joined in to have some fun. Later song sheets were distributed and we all sat around singing songs of Christmas and the "good old" days.

The French, Irish, Polish and Italians all got their "little bit" of heaven Saturday night and we wish again to say "thank you" to the ladies that brought food, to the men who helped set up and clean up and to Santa Claus. . . special thanks to Betty Curran for this "Chef-d'oeuvre." In celebrating Christmas, let us NOT EVER forget that this is JESUS' Birthday. May HE watch over us daily.

IMPORTANT

1969 DUES ARE DUE. YOU will be delinquent if yours aren't paid by Dec. 31. Don't be left out—Pay them NOW and attend all the meetings to make important decisions.

LITTLE BITS

Hong Kong flu has reached many of our friends and members so we wish a speedy recovery to Emily Dias, Carol and Ozzie Inman, the Stellato Family and Tom Dickinson.

We visited Ida Bondi and she thanks the Ladies Auxiliary for the lovely gift she received.

Sympathy to the family of Tom and Flo Cascio of Meadow St., on the loss of his mother. . . We have NOT been seeing some of the regulars — will they keep in touch please?

My Neighbors



"Oh, oh, we didn't succeed in keeping that scratch on the fender from Pop."

Dog Licensing Requirements Are Defined

Although statutes providing for the licensing of dogs have been on the Bay State's law books for nearly two hundred years, Atty. General Elliot Richardson's office has received an increasing number of calls and letters from concerned dog owners about the requirements for licensing their canine pets.

The most frequently asked questions, according to a member of Richardson's staff, are how old must a dog be before it must be licensed, when does a dog's license expire, and what penalties are imposed upon the dog owner if he fails to license his pet?

Under Massachusetts General Laws, all dogs over three months must be licensed each year before April 1. The town clerk is usually responsible for issuing the license which is good for one year and expires on March 31 of the following year, according to the Atty. General's office.

If a person moves into Massachusetts or moves from one town to another within the state, 30 days are allowed for the owner to register the dog within the town he has moved to. A twenty-five cent fee is charged when a transfer of license takes place.

Dogs must wear collars with metal tags attached to show that they are licensed. If a dog owner fails to license his pet, the owner may be fined from \$5 to \$15.

In addition, a dog officer appointed from the town or city police force for one year by a mayor or selectmen, is in charge of pursuing all unlicensed dogs. The officer is authorized to pick-up unlicensed dogs and confine them for 10 days, during which time owners may reclaim their pets.

If the dog is not claimed within 10 days, the dog officer, using his discretion, may dispose of the animal.

If someone other than the owner wants the dog for a pet, the person must be willing to pay \$5 plus \$1.50 for each day the dog was confined by the dog officer.

The Atty. General's office may clarify the law, but enforcement of the statutes is basically a local matter. Questions should be directed to local town officials such as the selectmen, dog officer, or police chief.

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He glanced at the array, turned away and went to his den. She heard drawers opened, banged shut and he returned with a high stack of cards, stamped, sealed and addressed.

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